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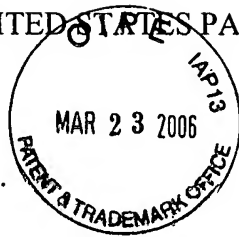
In re application of

Yuko KAWAGUCHI et al.

Serial No. 10/509,745

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OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM,  
MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR  
OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM, AND  
REPRODUCING METHOD FOR  
OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM



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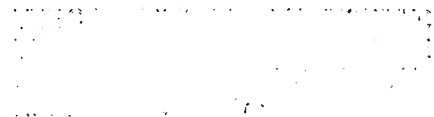
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Sir:

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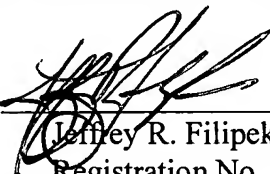
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Respectfully submitted,

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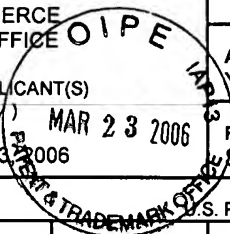
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